

of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley, and Hatch.

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**Funding Resolution—Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and be referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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**Fair Minimum Wage—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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#### Appointments:

**Congressional Budget Office:** The Chair announced on behalf of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to the provisions of Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, have appointed Dr. Peter R. Orszag as Director of the Congressional Budget Office effective immediately for the term expiring January 3, 2011.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-1)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Patrick P. Shen, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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#### Messages From the House:

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#### Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—19)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:00 a.m., and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., until 1:00 p.m., on Monday, January 22, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S781–82.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IRAQ

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence assessments on the situation in Iraq from David F. Gordon, Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council; Lieutenant General Michael D. Maples, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Randall M. Fort, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and Peter A. Clement, Deputy Director of Intelligence for Strategic Plans, Central Intelligence Agency.

### TRANSIT SECURITY

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of transit security, focusing on safeguarding America's bus, rail, and ferry systems, after receiving testimony from Mayor Dannel P. Malloy, Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; William W. Millar, American Public Transportation Association, and Warren S. George, Amalgamated Transit Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Auerilio Rojo Garrido, Metro Madrid and Secretary General, Madrid, Spain, on behalf of the Association of Latin American Metros and Subways; and Tim O'Toole, London Underground, London, United Kingdom.

### FEDERAL BUDGET CHALLENGES

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine long-term economic and federal

budget challenges, focusing on entitlement spending, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal efforts for rail and surface transportation security, focusing on prioritizing and guiding security measures, after receiving testimony from Edmund Hawley, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration; Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, USCG (Ret.), Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Richard L. Canas, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Trenton.

#### OIL AND GAS ROYALTY MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held an oversight hearing to examine issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior, focusing on the Minerals Management Service (MMS), receiving testimony from Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, and C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior; and Mark E. Gaffigan, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

#### IRAQ

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the military and security strategy relating to securing America's interests in Iraq,

after receiving testimony from General Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), United States Military Academy, Arlington, Virginia; General Jack Keane, USA (Ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and Lieutenant General William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), former Director, National Security Agency, Hudson Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and General Joseph P. Hoar, USMC (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command, Del Mar, California.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee met and elected Senator Dorgan as Chairman and Senator Thomas as Vice Chairman.

Also, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on immigration reform, combating terrorism, violent crime and drugs, Internet crime, and preventing identity theft, fraud, and intellectual property crimes, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 32) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 547–574; 1 private bill, H.R. 575; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 19; H. Con. Res. 34–37; and H. Res. 76–77 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on January 2, 2007 as follows: Report on the Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 109th Congress (H. Rept. 109–751).

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**Policies of the Chair:** The Chair announced her policies with respect to special order speeches. Without objection the announcement will be printed in the Record.

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